Gouverneur - N.Y. March 20-'33

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

When we received "The Presbyterian" of March 9- and started to read, we decided "A Man had a Fall", was no other than the Editor himself- and *our* good friend, Dr. Robinson. So we watched closely, the papers and all letters, coming to the conclusion that there were no serious results, and very thankful.

We hear how you are making Speeches, and giving talks to the Missionary Societies, D.A.R, etc. I am sure they are all enjoyed.

The month of March is nearly gone - and not much winter yet. We have a little snow - but it has rained all day. This is the

20th of March - Harry Lewis would have been 61 yrs old to day - that would not have been very old if he could have been spared - I very often think of that hard summer of 1925 - You were so good to us.

Anderson called on one of his church members this P.M. who was 92 yrs. to day. The children here, also remembered the Anniversary, so I have a large Cinerara plant, with immense clusters of red blossoms. They are always so thoughtful of me.

There is much measles, same as in Delhi - and plenty of hard colds - I must be in style, so "have a cold" too - Mary & Andy done every-thing possible. Dr. Close has been here three times, I expect to soon be all fine again - Other from that, have been well. Mary & Andy also have colds - but no one is at all serious - Baby is Darling - Some one has said - "He looks like a walking doll."

The three ladies at Warren have been usually well all winter - Albert is in California - not well all winter - in Navy Hospital for treatment & observation. Is now coming to his Mothers to see specialists that she thinks so good - Will be out of Navy for time, at least - We are very sorry -

Braddock had business at California quite recently, made the trip there & back by airplane - Thankful he was back before the earthquake.

I have been sorry to hear of Mr Joe McMurdys death - he was fine man, excellent neighbor - had done me many a good turn during the last few years, Every time I go back there are several gone, and we are all growing older. Mary & Andy are at Fortnight Club tonight, Mary gives a reading, which I am sure they will enjoy. We have heard several times from Rev. and Mrs Skinner - they are keeping very well in the sunny south, Rhoda is very much in love - her young man finishes Seminary this year - and has accepted a call to preach at Tidioute Pa. I believe quite near Warren - Sherman did consider the place - So we are listening for wedding bells before the end of the year - Rhoda has just returned from visiting both Robert & Sherman - We were surprised to hear that you did not get to Shermans installation, am sure he would be dissapointed. Mary & Andy were invited to a wedding in Syracuse Church - It was Wed, P.M. 4 O'clock - not very Good time for their Wed night Prayer Meeting, Of course ~~they~~ could not go, the young couple are leaving for Japan as Missionaries (It was son of Dr. John R Reeve) Mary & Andy have had a good many dinner parties, trying to get their debts paid - but they keep coming up. They were at an Episcopalian home recently for very nice dinner party. Tell Mrs Robinson that Andy has just received about 50 new Gladiola bulbs - all blue - two shades - he ordered, as Mary is so fond of blue - We know Mrs R- likes blue too - There are quantities of perennials of all kinds here. Mrs Skinner left so many - then the congregation has showered them each year,

There were two large baskets of "pussy-willows" on the church platform Sunday March 5 - so that looks like Spring was close by.

We had a great treat one Sunday night recently, when the Canton University Choir - furnished the music in our church - 60 young men & women - the big choir loft was filled to over-flowing.

Of course you know about the wonderful organ in this church - Mrs Fuller is also wonderful organist, is so interested and works hard - she is now training over 80 voices - for a Music Festival, to be given in the church - free around Easter time, singers from all churches,

Will have to write you something, that was rather amusing - In the first place you would not know that Mr. Grant Fuller was going through Bankruptcy, nothing unusual for these days - He often takes the offering at morning church service - the first Sunday after Banks were ordered closed - the other three collectors were men - each one, from the three different Banks, some one remarked "there are four men taking church offering - every one a notice on their place of business to close up". - We all hope Grant Fuller is next Postmaster - very few Democrats here -

Was glad to hear that Old Del. National was doing well

It was nice to get your letter, to the
white
family, and I may be over-stepping to
be the one to write so soon - However the
others of this family can write any time just
the same - There are two reasons why I
wished to write, Have been keeping the inclosed
clipping for several weeks - thought it might
interest you, and bring back pleasant memories,
Then I wonder if Wilson Mc Farland has said any
thing to you about Phila. Bonds - When I got
word to send in two of mine - one was in Safety
Box - Wilson has Key - so I sent every thing to him,
telling him to use his own judgment - He
wrote back, "after reading all papers - he wanted
to talk with Dr. Robison, as he was sure you had
Bonds from same place" - Now please dont think
that before that, I ever mentioned your name,
However I did reply - that you did have them
as he seemed to know all about it.
Have not heard what he did - This money
business is awful - certainly a lot of very
crooked work - on the part of many
But when we read of near by earthquakes
and floods - the money loss is not so bad.
Yes there are many things worse - yet we
all wonder what we are coming to.
Forgive me for this long scribble
Always glad to hear from you - Love to you both -
The family also sends much love, Hattie Lewis -

Andy has home wedding then Thursday night.

My Brother is laid 30 work for time, nothing ever like it, in the 41 years of his trade.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, N.J.

Feb. 15, 1933.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of the 13th has just come. I know how disappointed you must have been by your inability to attend the service last Monday night in Bethlehem. But I think you ought to feel blameless for not having taken the great risk of trying to get through the storm-swept roads for so long a journey. It would have been an added pleasure to the Skinners and to us, and of course also to the congregation, if you could have been on hand to give the charge . But it would have been a great deal too expect of you even under the most favorable conditions to make so long a trip; though once there, you would have enjoyed seeing the packed church and giving them the benefit of your charge to one whom you have known so long and whom, I feel sure, you have felt you had much reason to esteem highly for his own sake and for his future work's sake.

As you may have heard, the charge to Sherman was given by Rev. Samuel K. Piercy, D.D., of the First Church of Allentown, Pa. He had little time for preparation, but he did justice to the sudden summons he received.

It would have been a great delight to see you again, but so far as I am concerned I want to assure you that under similar conditions I should have felt it my duty to do just what you did.

Cordially yours,
Frederick W. Loetscher.

29, CLAREMONT AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you so much for your appreciative note in "The Presbyterian" last January* in regard to my Mother, Mrs. William J. Brown, who died on January twelfth, 1932.

We were in Switzerland, as you said, but by rushing back on the first and fastest steamer available, - the "Europa", we reached Philadelphia just in time for the beautiful funeral service. After a few days we returned to Geneva, but are now at home again.

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* or February

Your words were a great comfort. I meant to write you at once, and am now doing so, though the note is so belated by the grief and new duties of the past year.

Thanking you again, and with best wishes for the new year. I am Sincerely yours,

Anna Robertson Brown Lindsay.

Argyle, New York
March 27, 1933

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson
First Presbyterian Church
Delhi, New York

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have received during the week past the Certificate of Dismission of Mrs. Elma J. Fahrenholz from the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi. Your kind letter of March 6 informed me of this anticipated action. I wanted to await the Certificate before answering your letter.

Your letter serves to confirm my appraisal of Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenholf from my first meeting with them in May 1932. It is worth no little bit for an individual or a couple to start in life with the background which you have so beautifully given of the lives of these people. The inspiration to Godliness is powerful when one can trace his earthly heritage of five generations of faith in the Saviour.

I appreciate,more than I can say,your testimony. It is so beautiful that I am reticent to let it go from my possession, but after the session has passed on the request for admission, I will be pleased to give your letter into the keeping of Mrs. Fahrenholz.

I was very interested in your knowledge and association with the Argyle church. I am becoming more each week to realize the splendid history of this people and the solid material upon which their lives have been built.. You may be sure that I would count it a great privilege to meet you and come to know you better. I hope that one day may bring such opportunity. Thank you for you kind interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman W. King

FRANKFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRANKFORD AVE. AND CHURCH ST.
PHILADELPHIA

May 23. 1933-

Dear Brown:

I was [illegible] to learn from your letter that you are [illegible]
because I made the motion to accept your resignation
as Editor of the Professor. I have heard you [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before he offers
to others [illegible] take any [illegible]
his resignation but in this instance I did not object.
Yet I think that if you had been present you would
[illegible] the proper [illegible] at that time.
agree that the motion [illegible] which they said
by [illegible] was that your resignation was forced.
they had [illegible] accepted [illegible] successor [illegible] to
[illegible] that would be [illegible]. It was [illegible] to feel the matter
be [illegible] of you [illegible] anything [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] that if the [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] would undertake [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was a full-length [illegible] to take, ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible] was a [illegible] there was a [illegible].
difference in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
I [illegible] a letter from [illegible] [illegible] the Committee [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is the best
[illegible] [illegible] I agree that [illegible] is the best
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can be done. [illegible]

under the domination of modern [illegible]

& [illegible] that Christianity has, it must give

itself [illegible] to attack and [illegible], & that

that for the time most of us [illegible] very [illegible] are

[illegible] Today everybody is ready to follow

Roosevelt to get out of the old ruts & [illegible]

that there is something of this in the minds of the

people. [illegible] of the white and

try to write [illegible]. Annie writes that she is ~~not~~

[illegible] for you. We are

not [illegible]. The real problem is to [illegible]

[illegible] that both men [illegible] the

[illegible] like a fine bunch. But I presume that

every one is apt to lose his key, so much

[illegible]. I would not have more to go to [illegible]

for five dollars. Probably [illegible]

our other cause for which we need to [illegible]

[illegible] from those to whom he has given that

[illegible] to that. I did not hear it but I am

told that the man made a great Christian [illegible]

[illegible] but the [illegible] he could not [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

424 CHESTNUT LANE
WAYNE, PENNA.

9. Aug 8. 1933

My dear Dr Robinson!

I noted the announcement of your resignation as editor of the Presbyterian. You have my profound sympathy as well as high appreciation. I well know the burden the faithful editor carries. You have done faithful, loyal & able work. And your must a rest & as your health also compells retirement. I think I am a little ahead of you in years. My health is good & my years are heavy. And I realize what it must mean to carry your load under your present condition.

May God bless you & enable you to finish your days in comfort & peace & full of the blessed hope of our meeting one another & our friends over in the Father's house on high.

Please excuse the use of a pencil. I found my pen out of order when I attempted to use it.

Most cordially & fraternally
Yours,

H.Kennedy

THE MANSE
First Presbyterian Church
THIRTY-ONE EIGHTH AVENUE
HADDON HEIGHTS, N. J.

June 22, 1933

My dear Friend Robinson;

I saw by the Ledger a day or two ago that you were retiring from the Editorship of "The Presbyterian".

The June 22 issue of the paper has just come to me and confirms the statement of the Ledger.

I am exceedingly sorry you are no longer to be Editor of this fine paper. I have taken it for a good many years-- for you know it is a year ortwo since you and I were ordained,--and I think I have taken the Presbyterian most of these years . I have heard a good many say of late that The Presbyterian was never as good as it has been since Dr. Robinson became its editor. I agree.

That is not just applesauce-- but the truth.

I am sorry to know you are not well-,and have orders from your physician to ease up- I sincerely hope the rest you need and deserve will restore you to your former physical vigor.

We need men like yourself in the Church-- if not in active pastoral work- yet giving wise counsel to the Church in these strange and critical days.

I have hoped for years that I might get near enough to that son of yours in Elizabeth th shake his hand- I have never even seen him, but I enjoy his writings and know he is all right- being a son of his father.

Well, here's hoping you will soon be 100% O.K. physically.

Most sincerely your old classmate in Princeton;

James R. Kerr

3505 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 13th 1933

Dear Dr Robinson,

We are thinking a great deal about you and Benny. We hope that you will be back for us in August, and stay in your home while you are in the city.

Dr Bond and I go to Ocean City on Saturday for two weeks. The girls are in Rockport Mass. My cousin Elizabeth Simmons is ill in Atlantic City and Mr. Lloyd who is in his 71st year does not feel as strong as usual, so we think we will stay near Philadelphia.

We saw by the paper that you had resigned as Editor of the Presbyterian. Sorry. I hope that you and Stewart will continue to write articles for it. We are all well and hope that you and Bunny are also. Love to both from the Lloyd family —

John G. King
P. O. Box 3228
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

September 16th, 1933

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you heartily for your letter of Sept. 10th touching my recent motor car accident. My worst injury was nervous shock. The impact of two cars going possibly 45 per in opposite directions and meeting and locking stone-still is a little more than even the nerves of a Scotchman can stand. My physical injuries are minor. The man in the other car I left in the hospital. How we escaped being killed is not humanly understandable.

Both cars were wrecked beyond repair. My car was a Graham 8, strongly built; even so the frame was twisted and other damage almost to the place of demolishment.

I collected some insurance on a third man to blame, turned the salvage, and bought a new Graham 8, and four days after the accident, still suffering physically as well as nervously, started the 1400 mile journey south which I made without injury, but not without much apprehension.

I greatly enjoyed the visit in your home that Monday evening. I inquired of my uncle, D. D. K. George, if it were true that your father was one of the ministers that performed the marriage ceremony for my father and mother. He remembered you as a small lad on that occasion. So I was correct in that mention that evening.

You asked me the night of my call if I liked Florida, and my reply was in the affirmative which perhaps should have been qualified somewhat. During the winter one has an opportunity of meeting a great variety of people, many of them of national repute, and these are attendants at the church. Perhaps two fifths of the local people in the church are college bred and hence pleasing to preach to.

However, the long period of heat is nearly too much for one born and bred among the New Yokk hills. I would really covet getting back. But it is difficult to make connections so far away, and my acquaintance in the Presbyterian Church is not large. I have wondered if the Oneonta church affair came to a conclusion if something

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

might be open there. You happened to mention the conditions there when I was in your home. Presbytery had just met. I came down here at the earnest solicitation of Dr. Britan now of the Presbyterian hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Britan was then in West Palm Beach.

I am not making any request, but should something open I would be glad of consideration. Should anything appear I would refer you to John A. Pearson (an Episcopalian) 5 Circle Road, Scarsdale, N.Y.; William T. Ellis, LL.D, Swarthmore, Pa. Dr. Robert L. Bone, Madisonville, Ky. And of ministers, Dr. J. T. Britan, Presbyterian Hospital Philadelphia, Dr. Francis M. Fox, West Palm Beach, Fla. Rev. Jos. A. Speer, Tyrone, Pa. Dr. John McNaugher, President of Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Prof. Thomas E. French, Brown Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus, was one of my elders. I am enclosing you also one of the last Columbus bulletins which contains an extract from a letter by Dr. Thompson.

I could wish, did opportunity offer, some of these might counteract the poison inserted by Dr. Palmer, as you hinted.

This is not a request for you to set about in my behalf, only in the suggestion that there might be something in view. This is a nice punishment, you see, for your cordial letter of sympathy.

Very cordially yours,

John G. King

October 2, 1934.

Reverend John B. Laird, D. D.,
4315 Frankfort Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Laird:

I think I wrote you after I received your welcome letter some time ago. I have heard nothing from you since the summer opened.

I had a letter from Stevenson recently, in which he said he had talked with you about me at the Covert Banquet. Evidently, you are in better health than you were last winter. I have worn out the severe pain, which I had for many months, and, while very weak, I am, nevertheless, feeling good and improving every day. John Harvey Lee is coming up into this part this week. I hope I may see him. I would be very glad if you would write me concerning yours, and also give the general gossip that floats about Philadelphia. I may go down to the Lane Trustee meeting in November, but can not tell very long ahead. Our pastor, David MacInnas, son of John M., goes to the Lafayette Avenue Church, Buffalo. He has been here for but four years, but has made a preeminent success. The people love him devotedly, and he has been a very remarkable preacher and pastor. We all regret his departure very much, indeed. He has been very lovely to me, and the old pastor enjoys that! I will preach some in the Church until we get another pastor.

Do you know anything about Carruthers, Pastor of Faith Church, Baltimore? Can you not find the information, if you lack it, and report to me? He has visited in this section and his brother married a girl in a neighboring township some years ago. The brother is now dead. It has been said that Carruthers would like to come up here. I wrote Eisenberger about him, and received a very favorable reply. I want to get more information. We would like to call William MacInnas, brother of our late pastor, but he does not want to come. We are looking for a good man, one who is sound in the faith, will be active as a pastor and a good preacher. Perhaps, some name will occur to you. Please write to me on that or any other subject.

I had a letter from Stevey a while ago, saying he would preach up here, but the plans did not work out, so he is not coming. We would have enjoyed having him and his wife at our home. We live very quietly, had our children and grand-children with us all summer and had as pleasant a summer as we remember.

My cousin, Charles H. Robinson, of the U. P. Church, died last week. He was the oldest of my cousins, seventy-three years of age, a strong man. I had seen him rarely during the years, but we had a good family loyalty.

Let me hear from you, and give my regards to Hazel.

Yours, cordially,

WCR/RW

A. R. PADEN,
SUPT. OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PRES. BD. OF TRUSTEES

E. E. BOVEE,
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4606 MORNINGSIDE AVENUE
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May I7

Rev Stewart M Robinson
Editor Presbyterian
Dear Dr Robinson

Since you had Dr Sunday with you so recently I know you will be interested to know how splandidly the people responded here. Cars from a radius of I00 miles came in. Many hundreds were turned away.The Grace Methodist where the meeting was held seated i200 and 2000 tried to get in

I understood Dr Sunday to say on the last night that the desire on the part of the people to hear the gospel was the best he had seen evidenced in the last 5 years

The country and small towns rensonded wonderfully They still love the old Gospel whatever may be said of the cities

I greatly appreciate the Presbyterian and its present irenic spirit.- a worthy son of a great father sits in the Editors chair (so it seems to me)

Fraternally --and affectionately,

Harry J. Findlay.

Reformed Presbyterian Church

FRANK H. LATHOM, PASTOR

WALTON, N. Y.

PHONE 222-J-2

115 TOWNSEND ST.

Oct. 31,1934

Dear Dr.Robinson:-

Both your letters have been received. I was in Albany attending the State Pastor's conference and have just gotten home. I thought I would wait until nearer time to answer your first letter and now I am glad I did wait. The change your propose will be perfectly alright with me. I would just as soon come the eighteenth as the eleventh so will count on that arrangement. I was thru Delhi this morning and would have stopped to see you if I had known your letter was waiting for me. I hope this will be a prompt enough reply to save you any extra trouble.

Sincerely yours in the work of the Master,

Frank H. Lathom

FRANKFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRANKFORD AVE. AND CHURCH ST.
PHILADELPHIA

Nov. 17, 1934

My dear Robinson:

Was sorry to learn from your letter that you were unwell again. Hope that you are better now. How we were all flabbergasted by the Election. When Pennsylvania fell in line with the mighty army comprising the bread line. So it goes. Who ever knew such conditions. Men have no convictions. They will follow any one & do anything that offers them something in return. Socialism & Communism are here so far as thinking goes, they need but assume form and it will be all over. In New York the other day a lady from Fifth Avenue Church asked me if I would not suggest to her some name for their pulpit. Do you know anybody for that job? I am going to Pittsburgh Dec. 7 to participate in 150th anniversary of First Church. They have asked me to speak on Princeton Seminary & its relationship to the First Church. I suppose that the reason they asked me is that the Princeton [illegible] are at present non persona grata.

Philadelphia Presbytery in the charges against ministers of prominence, charges which I understand will come up at next meeting of Presbytery again, because of some irregularity of procedure at last meeting is really about that some of them deserve because of their record against the New Board, for which I have no time, but which in my judgment should simply have been ignored. Mudge and McDowell and their outfit were too aggressive.

The famous Commonweal Fund of $1,100,000 was turned over last week to Board of National Missions. McDowell to be at head cared for rest of life. Sheppard Estate from New Haven New York has already paid over $200,000 to National Board with much more to come. National Board has assets now of more than $42,000,000. Keep it under your hat.

Things are not in good shape at Princeton Sem. Storm likely to break at any time. I am amazed at the feeling. Poor Steve will he be able to endure another siege. I am trying my best to keep out of it. Maxfield is off on a year's leave of absence. I have been appointed acting President during his absence. It will not require much of me. Good luck to you my dear man

Cordially

WESTSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PULASKI AVE. BEL. SCHOOL LANE
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

June 21. 1933.

Dear Courtland Robinson:

I note with deepest regret that your resignation goes in today as Editor of the Presbyterian.

I have long known and admired you and since you have been editor have read your editorials with a feeling of growing affection for you. Their gracious sanity has charmed me and I thank God for the voice that spoke thro the editor's pen that showed that Our Lord's mantle was on your shoulders! That is the kind of a voice needed now when some are stridently crying out their party battle cries at every slight provocation. While you were its editor the Presbyterian was my church paper for it was strongly and tolerantly for the essentials of the Gospel. I know you have been troubled by the "strife of tongues" that is about and has not pass you by as editor but you can have the calm confidence of one who has served his day and generation in his beloved Church with the spirit of Jesus Christ.

I just wished to write you as above and send you my love and thanks for your work. Cordially

W. J. Lee